

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraphs on page 7, lines 12-15 with the following paragraphs:

FIG. 6 shows the operation of an existing medium processing device; ~~[[and]]~~

G¹ ~~FIG. 7 shows~~ FIGs. 7, 8, and 9 show the further operation of the existing medium processing device.

Please replace the Abstract with the following Abstract:

G² Provided is a medium feeding apparatus having at least one align roller to align a medium in a path, wherein the align roller is positioned below the medium and is driven to transport the medium in the path. A feed assistance member includes a shaft and a feed assistance roller rotably mounted to the shaft and positioned to apply pressure on the medium in the path to stabilize the medium while the medium is being aligned in the path by the at least one align roller, wherein the feed assistance member is not rotably connected to the align roller, and wherein the feed assistance roller is not vertically aligned with any roller.